

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1.-31. (Canceled)

32. (Original) A patient supporting apparatus, comprising;

a base;

a patient support deck having a head section and a seat section;

a pedestal mounted to and extending between a top side of said base and an underside of said patient support deck;

a first bed side rail mounted to said patient support deck and extending coextensively with said patient support deck and on opposite lateral sides thereof, each first bed side rail being movable between a vertically upright deployed position extending above a plane containing said seat section of said patient support deck and a retracted position oriented below said plane;

an elongate rail extending coextensively with said patient support deck and on opposite lateral sides thereof, one end of each side rail terminating adjacent a vertically upright plane that is parallel to an edge of said seat section remote from said head section;

a bracket mounted on each of said elongate rails and movable to selected positions along a length of each elongate rail;

a clamping mechanism on each bracket for fixing said bracket to a respective said elongate rail in said selected position;

a first mount on each said bracket;

a second bed side rail and a second mount coupled to said first mount, said second bed side rail having a vertically upright construction extending above said plane containing said seat section of said patient support deck.

33. (New) A patient supporting apparatus, comprising;
a patient support deck having a head section and a seat section;

a first bed side rail mounted to said patient support deck and extending coextensively with said patient support deck and on opposite lateral sides thereof, each first bed side rail being movable between a vertically upright deployed position extending above a plane containing said seat section of said patient support deck and a retracted position oriented below said plane;

an elongate rail extending coextensively with said patient support deck and on opposite lateral sides thereof, one end of each side rail terminating adjacent a vertically upright plane that is parallel to an edge of said seat section remote from said head section;

a bracket mounted on each of said elongate rails and movable to selected positions along a length of each elongate rail;

a clamping mechanism on each bracket for fixing said bracket to a respective said elongate rail in said selected position; and

a second bed side rail mounted on said bracket, said second bed side rail having a vertically upright construction extending above said plane containing said seat section of said patient support deck.